

**RESOLUTION NO. 916-2015, APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN CONNECTION WITH START-UP/NY/SUFFOLK COUNTY (CP 6427)**

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioner of Economic Development and Planning has requested planning funds for START-UP/NY/Suffolk County be appropriated; and

**WHEREAS**, START-UP/NY is an economic development program which will stimulate job creation by creating growth opportunities for businesses which relocate, start up or significantly expand in New York State through affiliations with public and private universities and colleges; and

**WHEREAS**, participating businesses have the opportunity to operate state and local tax-free on or near academic campuses and their employees pay no state or local personal income taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, Suffolk County wishes to support the development of businesses within the County's present and future transit-oriented downtowns including Patchogue, Riverhead, Wyandanch, Ronkonkoma, and Heartland in Brentwood; and

**WHEREAS**, the START-UP/NY/Suffolk County Capital Project was established to enable Suffolk County to partner with local colleges and universities to identify locations suitable for the development of projects eligible for START-UP/NY; and

**WHEREAS**, START-UP/NY/Suffolk County will empower the County to encourage emerging innovation companies to locate within Suffolk's downtowns; and

**WHEREAS**, sufficient funds are included in the 2015 Capital Budget and Program to cover the costs of said request under Capital Program 6427; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 471-1994, as revised by Resolution No. 461-2006, has established a priority ranking system, implemented in the Adopted 2015 Capital Budget, as the basis for funding Capital Projects such as this project; and

**WHEREAS**, START-UP/NY/Suffolk County will provide funding to support infrastructure improvements associated with regionally significant economic development projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Legislature, by resolution of even date herewith, has authorized the issuance of \$500,000 in Suffolk County Serial Bonds; now, therefore be it

**1<sup>st</sup> RESOLVED**, that this Legislature, being the lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), Environmental Conservation Law Article 8, hereby finds and determines that this law constitutes a Type II action, pursuant to Section 617.5 (C) (20) (21) and (27) of Title 6 of New York Code of Rules and Regulations ("NYCRR"), in that the law authorizes information collection, including basic data collection and research, and preliminary planning processes necessary to formulate a proposal for an action, but does not commit the County to commence or approve an action. Since this law is a Type II action, the Legislature has no further responsibilities under SEQRA; and be it further

**2<sup>nd</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that it is hereby determined that this project, with a priority ranking of sixty-five (65) is eligible for approval in accordance with the provisions of Resolution No. 471-1994, as revised by Resolution No. 461-2006; and be it further

**3<sup>rd</sup>** **RESOLVED**, the County wishes to partner with local college and universities to identify appropriate locations for the development of START-UP NY-eligible projects, with the specific intent of encouraging businesses to locate in Suffolk's transit-oriented downtowns; and be it further

**4<sup>th</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that the County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive, or his designee, to enter and execute any and all contract documents related to this project, on behalf of the County of Suffolk; and be it further

**5<sup>th</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that the proceeds of \$500,000 in Serial Bonds be and they are hereby appropriated as follows:

<u>Project No.</u>	<u>JC</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
525-CAP-6427.110 (Fund 001-Debt Service)	35	START-UP NY/Suffolk County	\$500,000

DATED: November 17, 2015

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone  
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: December 2, 2015